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- (b) The request shall describe the material sufficiently to enable the Commission to locate it. Requests with insufficient description of the material will be returned to the requester for further information.
- (c) Within 5 days of receiving a request for declassification, the Commission shall acknowledge its receipt. If the document was derivatively classified by the Commission or originally classified by another agency, the request and the document shall be forwarded promptly to the agency with original classification authority together with the Commission's recommendation to withhold any of the information where appropriate. The requester shall be notified of the referral.
- (d) If the request requires the provision of services by the Commission, fair and equitable fees may be charged under title 5 of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 65 Stat. 290, 31 U.S.C. 483a.

[44 FR 65737, Nov. 15, 1979, as amended at 47 FR 47237, Oct. 25, 1982; 51 FR 5315, Feb. 13, 1986; 73 FR 32226, June 5, 2008]

# § 200.509 Challenge to classification by Commission employees.

Commission employees who have reasonable cause to believe that information is classified unnecessarily, improperly, or for an inappropriate period of time, may challenge those classification decisions through mandatory review or other appropriate procedures as established by the Oversight Committee. Commission employees who challenge classification decisions may request that their identity not be disclosed.

### § 200.510 Access by historical researchers.

(a) Persons outside the executive branch performing historical research may have access to information over which the Commission has classification jurisdiction for the period requested (but not longer than 2 years unless renewed for an additional period of less than 2 years) if the Chief Operating Officer determines in writing that access to the information will be consistent with the interests of national security.

- (b) The person seeking access to classified information must agree in writing:
- (1) To be subject to a national agency check;
- (2) To protect the classified information in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12356; and
- (3) Not to publish or otherwise reveal to unauthorized persons any classified information.

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## § 200.511 Access by former Presidential appointees.

- (a) Former Commission Members appointed by the President may have access to classified information or documents over which the Commission has jurisdiction that they originated, reviewed, signed, or received while in public office, if the Chief Operating Officer determines in writing that access to the information will be consistent with the interest of nation security.
- (b) The person seeking access to classified information must agree in writing:
- (1) To be subject to a national agency check;
- (2) To protect the classified information in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12356; and
- (3) Not to publish or otherwise reveal to unauthorized persons any classified information.

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### Subpart K—Regulations Pertaining to the Protection of the Environment

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#### § 200.550 Purpose.

This subpart sets forth the procedures the Commission will follow to ensure compliance with the goals of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with the procedures required by NEPA in the event that the